# EXHIBIT B

El Paso County - 120th District Court

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Norma Favela Barceleau

District Clerk

El Paso County

2020DCV1304

ADRIAN SEGOVIA	§ 2
Plaintiff,	§ Cause No. 2020-DCV
ν.	<pre> § Jury Trial Requested § §</pre>

CONVERGEONE, INC.

Defendant.

#### PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, Adrian Segovia, Plaintiff, complaining of ConvergeOne Inc.,

Defendant, and would allege the following.

#### **DISCOVERY PLAN**

1. Discovery in this cause will be conducted under TRCP 190.4 (Level 3).

#### **PARTIES**

- 2. The Plaintiff is a resident of El Paso County, Texas.
- The Defendant ConvergeOne, Inc. is a corporation and may be served with process by serving its registered agent, CT Corporation System, Inc., 1999 Bryan St., Ste. 900 Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 4. This action arises under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1993, as amended with the ADAAA, as well as Chapter 21 of the Texas Labor Code, which prohibits employment discrimination.
- 5. Plaintiff has complied with all necessary administrative prerequisites. Plaintiff timely filed his Charge of Discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission, which was simultaneously filed with the Texas Workforce Commission

- Civil Rights Division. The TWC-CRD has issued its Notice of Right to File a Civil

Action, and suit was timely filed thereafter.

**VENUE** 

6. This action properly lies in El Paso County, Texas because the unlawful employment

practices occurred therein.

**FACTS** 

7. Plaintiff was employed with Defendant or its predecessor since October 2013, and

last worked as a Technical Consultant in El Paso, Texas. Defendant became

Plaintiff's employer in February 2019. Plaintiff had no performance or disciplinary

issue during his employment;

8. In April 2018, Plaintiff was injured at work. Plaintiff was diagnosed with a lower

back / sacroiliac joint injury, preventing Plaintiff from driving and performing other

major life activities. Defendant predecessor accommodated Plaintiff's disability by

allowing him to move to El Paso where he could receive care and assistance from

family members. Plaintiff, who worked remotely, continued to perform his essential

job duties satisfactorily.

9. On or about April 22, 2019, Plaintiff had a telephone conference with Jacob Briggs,

Louise Erickson, human resources, and Kimberly Quillen. Erickson stated that the

company no longer had a need for Plaintiff's temporary assignment (workplace

accommodation). The parties discussed alternate accommodations such as Plaintiff

using a ride-share to go to onsite locations. Plaintiff agreed, but stated he needed to

clear it with his doctor.

- 10. On or about April 24, 2019 the same parties had a telephone conference. Erickson stated that Plaintiff's accommodation "has cost us considerable from a business perspective." Briggs stated, before being corrected by his co-workers, that Plaintiff had the power to go against his doctor's recommendations. Plaintiff stated he is acceptable to using rideshare as a workplace accommodation. Quillen stated that Plaintiff could continue to work remotely through May 21, 2019, and begin working in Florida on May 27, 2019. She further stated that Plaintiff could use rideshare as an accommodation through June 10, 2019.
- 11. On or about May 22, 2019, the same parties had a telephone conference regarding Plaintiff's return to work.
- 12. On May 23, 2019 at 6:58 a.m, Plaintiff sent an e-mail stating that he could return to Florida the following week. Later that day, Plaintiff was part of another conference call with the same parties. Quillen stated that the company must continue to "evolve in business" and there were changes in the 911 technician area, and that Plaintiff was being terminated effective that day. During the previous month of conversations and e-mails, Defendant never made any mention about a possible reorganization or that Plaintiff's job was in jeopardy. Defendant offered Plaintiff a severance in exchange for signing a release of legal claims. Plaintiff did not sign the release.

## <u>COUNT ONE – DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION – FAILURE TO ACCOMMODATE</u>

- 13. The above allegations are re-alleged and adopted by reference.
- 14. Plaintiff contends that he could have and did performed the essential functions of his job with workplace accommodations he had requested, which Defendant failed to do or continue to do as Defendant's predecessor had allowed.

15. Plaintiff requests trial by jury.

#### **COUNT TWO - DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION**

- 16. The above allegations are re-alleged and adopted by reference.
- 17. Plaintiff asserts that his disability was a motivating factor in Defendant's decision to terminate his employment.
- 18. Plaintiff requests trial by jury.

## <u>COUNT THREE (IN THE ALTERNATIVE) - "REGARDED AS" DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION</u>

- 19. The above allegations are re-alleged and adopted by reference.
- 20. Plaintiff asserts in the alternative to Count Two that Defendant regarded his medical condition as a disability, and this perception was a motivating factor in Plaintiff's termination.
- 21. Plaintiff requests trial by jury.
- 22. Plaintiff seeks to recover all of damages in an amount which the jury, in its role as trier of the facts in this case, determines based on its discretion is just and appropriate. In order to comply with the Supreme Court's requirement to state the range of damages, pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 47(c), Plaintiff pleads that he anticipates at this time that the amount of damages he will request the jury to assess at trial will be between \$200,000 to \$1,000,000.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court cites the Defendant to answer and appear, and upon final trial enter a judgment upon his favor and award the following:

- 1. Injunctive Relief;
- 2. Back pay and benefits;

- 3. Reinstatement. If reinstatement is not feasible, front pay and benefits;
- 4. Compensatory damages;
- 5. Punitive damages;
- 6. Attorney's fees;
- 7. Plaintiff's costs;
- 8. Prejudgment and post-judgment interest accruing at the maximum rate allowed by law;
- Such other and further relief as the Court deems necessary, proper and equitable, general or specific, to which Plaintiff may show himself to be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John A. Wenke

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District Clerk El Paso County 2020DCV1304

April 15, 2020

#### VIA E-FILE

Norma Favela Barceleau El Paso County District Clerk's Office 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 103 El Paso, Texas 79901

Re: Adrian Segovia v. ConvergeOne, Inc.

Cause No. 2020-DCV-1304; 120th District Court

Dear Ms. Favela Barceleau:

My office filed Plaintiff's Original Petition in the above case on April 14, 2020 and paid for a citation to serve Defendant ConvergeOne, Inc. I am requesting that the District Clerk's office prepare a **Citation for Certified Mail—Outside Service** to serve CT Corporation System, Inc., 1999 Bryan St., Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201. Please e-mail the Citation to my office at <a href="mailto:lawoffice@johnwenke.com">lawoffice@johnwenke.com</a>, Attn: Monica Lara.

Thank you for your assistance. If there is anything my office needs to do, please contact us.

Sincerely,

John A. Wenke

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<u>Fil</u>ed on April 16, 2020 Norma Favela Barceleau District Clerk El Paso County, Texas

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you, or youngtor a storney. If you, or youngtor a storney. file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: CONVERGEONE, INC., who may be served with process by serving its registered agent, CT CORPORATION **SYSTEM, IN, at 1999 BRYAN ST, STE 900, DALLAS, TX 75201-3136** 

Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 120th Judicial District Court, El Paso County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in El Paso, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on this the 14th day of April, 2020, by Attorney at Law JOHN A WENK, E 501 E CALIFORNIA AVENUE, EL PASO, TX 79902 in this case numbered 2020DCV1304 on the docket of said court, and styled:

#### **ADRIAN SEGOVIA** VS CONVERGEONE, INC.

The nature of Plaintiff's demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL **PETITION** accompanying this citation and made a part hereof.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at El Paso, Texas, on this the 16th day of April, 2020.

Attest: NORMA FAVELA BARCELEAU, District Clerk, El Paso County, Texas.

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Service of Process Transmittal

04/21/2020

CT Log Number 537563231

TO: Rui Goncalves

ConvergeOne 5 STEWART CT

**DENVILLE, NJ 07834-1042** 

RE: Process Served in Texas

FOR: ConvergeOne, Inc. (Domestic State: MN)

#### ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: ADRIAN SEGOVIA, PLTF. vs. CONVERGEONE, INC., DFT.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: -

COURT/AGENCY: None Specified

Case # 2020DCV1304

NATURE OF ACTION: Employee Litigation - Discrimination

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: C T Corporation System, Dallas, TX

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: By Certified Mail on 04/21/2020 postmarked on 04/17/2020

JURISDICTION SERVED: Texas

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: None Specified
ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): None Specified

ACTION ITEMS: CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 04/21/2020, Expected Purge Date:

04/26/2020

**Image SOP** 

Email Notification, Rui Goncalves rgoncalves@convergeone.com

Email Notification, Selina Held sheld@convergeone.com

SIGNED: C T Corporation System

ADDRESS: 208 LaSalle Ave Suite 814

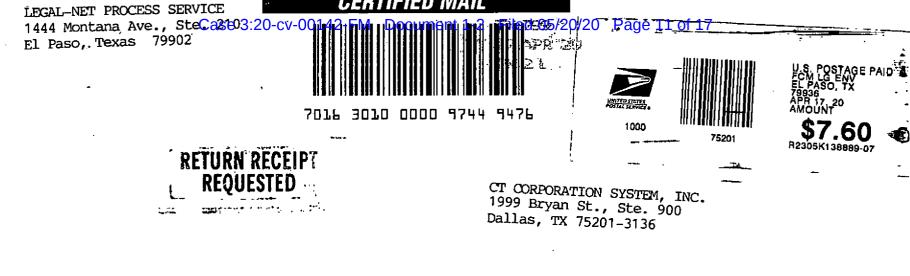
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Attest: NORMA FAVELA BARCELEAU, District Clerk, El Paso County, Texas.

#### CLERK OF THE COURT NORMA FAVELA BARCELEAU District Clerk Ashley Nunez El Paso County Courthouse CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY BY MAIL 500 E. San Antonio Ave, RM 103 El Paso Texas, 79901 hereby certify that on the 17 ATTACH √ I mailed to RETURN RECEIPTS who man be served WITH ADDRESSEE'S SIGNATURE Corporation System, Inc. Rule 106 (a) (2) the citation shall be served by mailing to the defendant by Certified Mail Return Defendant(s) by registered mail or certified mail with receipt requested, a true copy of the citation. delivery restricted to addressee only, return receipt Sec. 17.027 Rules of Civil Practice and requested, a true copy of this citation with a copy of Remedies Code if not prepared by Clerk of Court. the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION attached thereto.

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Norma Favela Barceleau District Clerk El Paso County 2020DCV1304

#### **CAUSE NO. 2020-DCV-1304**

ADRIAN SEGOVIA	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
<b>v.</b>	§	EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
CONVERGEONE, INC.	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	120 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

#### **DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER**

Defendant ConvergeOne, Inc. ("Defendant" or "ConvergeOne"), files this Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition ("the Petition") filed by Adrian Segovia ("Plaintiff" or "Segovia"), as follows:

#### I. GENERAL DENIAL

Subject to any stipulations and defenses as hereafter may be made, Defendant asserts a general denial as authorized by Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Defendant demands that Plaintiff be required to prove his charges and allegations against Defendant by a preponderance of the evidence as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

#### II. AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES

Without waiving its general denial and reserving the right to plead further defenses, Defendant now asserts the following defenses and/or affirmative defenses, each offered in the alternative and to the fullest extent applicable.

- 1. The Petition, in whole or in part, fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
  - 2. Plaintiff has failed to exhaust administrative remedies for some or all of his claims.

- 3. Plaintiff has failed to comply with the time limits for pursuing administrative and judicial remedies for some or all of his claims.
  - 4. This Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims.
- 5. Plaintiff's claims are barred because Defendant's actions were based on legitimate, non-discriminatory reasons.
- 6. Defendant engaged in no act, practice, policy, custom, or usage which has denied, abridged, withheld, limited, or otherwise interfered with Plaintiff's rights because of any protected category.
- 7. Defendant affirmatively pleads and asserts that Plaintiff's damages claim is subject to any and all applicable damages caps.
- 8. Defendant acted reasonably and in good faith in its efforts to comply with all statutes cited in the Petition. Defendant affirmatively pleads and asserts that it is not liable for punitive damages because of these good-faith efforts.
- 9. Alternatively, Defendant exercised reasonable care to prevent and correct promptly any discriminatory behavior, which it denies occurred, and Plaintiff unreasonably failed to take advantage of corrective opportunities provided by Defendant or to otherwise avoid harm.
  - 10. Defendant did not act with malice or willfulness with respect to Plaintiff's rights.
- 11. All after-acquired-evidence of wrongdoing by Plaintiff that would have resulted in the termination of his employment, or withdrawal of offer of employment, operates as a bar to relief, in whole or in part, for any alleged wrongdoing by Defendant in this case.
- 12. Plaintiff's damages, if any, should be reduced to the extent he is found to have failed to mitigate his damages.

- 13. All interim earnings or amounts earned, or which could have been earned with reasonable diligence by Plaintiff, should reduce the pay award, if any, which might otherwise be allowable.
- 14. Plaintiff's claims for punitive damages are barred, in whole or in part, to the extent that such damages violate Defendant's rights and privileges under the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Texas.
- 15. Pleading in the alternative, any employment action motivated in part by Plaintiff's membership in a protected class (which improper motivation is denied by Defendant), such employment actions would have been taken at or around the same time by Defendant notwithstanding the alleged improper motivation.
- 16. To the extent applicable, Defendant asserts the doctrines of estoppel, waiver, and unclean hands to bar Plaintiff's claims in whole or in part.
  - 17. Plaintiff is barred under the doctrine of laches.
- 18. Defendant reserves the right to amend its answer to raise additional affirmative defenses or pursue other available counterclaims against Plaintiff as those claims become known during this litigation.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that it be released, discharged, and acquitted of the charges filed against it; that Plaintiff take nothing by reason of this suit; that Plaintiff have and recover all costs expended; and that Defendant recovers all other and further relief to which it may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mauro Ramirez

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, caused a true and correct copy of *Defendant's Original Answer* to be filed with the County Clerk of El Paso County, Texas and served via electronic mail on the following:

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/s/ Mauro Ramirez

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